Review Commission of Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project

367. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank funded Review Commission on the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Projects has recently submitted its report to the World Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Review raises serious questions about the environmental consequences of Sardar Sarovar Project mentioning that "measures to anticipate and mitigate environmental impacts were not properly considered"; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) An Independent Review was commissioned by the World Bank in June 1991, with an objective of getting an assessment of the implementation of the rehabilitation and resettlement of the population displaced|affected by the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Project infrastructure and by the storage reservoir and the amelioration of the environmental impact of all aspects of the projects. The Mission started its work in September, 1991 and submitted its report to the World Bank on 18th June, 1992.

(c) and (d) The Review Mission has referred to some of the inadequacies in the studies associated with the environmental issues. These studies have already been in hand and are expected to be completed within time so as to enable the remedial measures as may be necessary being implemented before the completion of the project.

Members of the National Commission for Minorities

368. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted the National Commission for Minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the names, qualifications, background and experience of the members of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The constitution of the National Commission for Minorities is under the active consideration of the Government.

मध्य प्रदेश में पुनर्वास केन्द्र

369. **श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने कई जिलों में पुनर्वास केन्द्र खोले जाने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार की स्वीकृति हेतु भेजा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इस प्रयोजनार्थ राज्य सरकार को धनराशि कब तक उपलब्ध करा देने का विचार रखती है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से विकलांग कल्याण अथवा समाज रक्षा हेतु पुनर्वास केन्द्र खोलने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Backlog of reserved vacancies for the Handicapped

370. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRIMISRA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present backlog of vacancies for handicapped in Central Government offices and Central Pubic Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether any special recruitment drive is proposed to be conducted to fill-up the vacancies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) As per information available the backlog of vacancies reserved for handicapped as reported by Central Government Offices and Central Public Sector Undertakings is 487 and 262 for Group C and D posts as on 1.1.1992.

(b) to (d) Special Recruitment drives have been conducted in 1987, 1988 and 1990 to fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for handicapped under Visually and hearing handicapped category. The process of filling up of these vacancies on the basis of Special Recruitment Drive 1990 is still continuing.

Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC/ST

371. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMARAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the students under the National Overseas Scholarships schemes for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and other weaker sections of the society are unable to complete their studies within the prescribed time limit;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of students gone abroad under the scheme so far and the number of those who have not returned as per the terms and conditions of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The awardees of National Overseas Scholarship have been by and large requesting for extensions of time for completing their studies.

(b) Difference in academic standards and problems of adjustment may be the reasons.

(c) Out of 445 students sent abroad so far, 11 students have not returned to India as per the terms and conditions of agreement.

Child Marriage in the Country

372. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government so far to prevent child marriages in the country in violation of Sharda Act and what are the results achieved;

(b) in which part of the country child marriages are still prevalent and what are the reasons identified for failure of the law forbidding such marriages and the various measures taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what is the number of child marriage, performed annually; and

(d) what further measures are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Facilities for the National Commission for SC/ST

373. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes has protested against the inadequate facilities for its proper functioning, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Chairman, National Commission for SCs and STs has written letters for transfer of posts including assets and liabilities of the erstwhile office of the Commissioner for SCs and STs and restoration of some posts abolished in the erstwhile National Commission